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SUBJECT: CYPRUS SITUATION

SITREP

1. AS OF 1430 LOCAL QUIET REIGNED THROUGHOUT NICOSIA.
EMBOFF DROVE THROUOUT CITY (CONCENTRATING ON AREAS NEAR
CONFRONTATION POINTS) AND OBSERVED LIFE RELATIVELY
NORMAL. FEW CIVILIANS IN STREETS, BUT THOSE THERE
PURSUING NORMAL ACTIVITIES, E.G., SHOPPING, SUNBATHING
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AND PLAYING BASKETBALL.

2. AT FAMAGUSTA GATE, FEW TROOPS FROM EITHER SIDE PRESENT. NUMBER OF SENTRIES APPEARED NORMAL-- AND THEY MAKING NO EFFORT REMAIN UNDER COVER.

3. OPPOSITE USIS AND PAPHOS GATE POLICE STATION NUMBER OF TANKS OBSERVED (AMATEURISHLY CAMOFLAGED) WITH GUNS POINTED AT TURKISH SECTOR.

4. GREEK EMBASSY APPEARS INTACT. FROM STREET, NO EVIDENCE OF ANY DIRECT MORTAR OR ARTILLERY HITS. GLASS IN WINDOWS FACING STREET INTACT.

5. AREA JUST SOUTH OF BRITISH HICOM ALSO QUITE WITH FEW TROOPS IN SIGHT. NO TURKISH TROOPS IN EVIDENCE. BRITS SAY THEY HAVE PULLED BACK FROM HICOM VICINITY.)

6. AREA TOWARDS AIRPORT ONLY LOCATED WHERE EMBOFF SAW EVIDENCE OF MORTAR/ARTILLERY/BOMB DAMAGE. ALL OF THESE EXPLOSIVES APPEAR TO HAVE IMPACT IN OPEN SPACES AND NO BUILDINGS SHOWED OBVIOUS EVIDENCE OF DAMAGE. MUCH GRASS BURNED; ONE KIOSK DESTROYED. (NICOSIA FORTUNATE IN THAT LITTLE WOOD IS USED IN CONSTRUCTION AND THERE HAVE BEEN FEW FIRES.)

7. EMBOFF DROVE AS FAR AS AIRPORT ROUNDABOUT WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING TURKISH TROOPS. UNIFICYP (POLAD MILES) INSISTED AIRPORT UNDER UN SUPERVISION. CURRENTLY TAKING FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO AIRPORT TO PROVE THIS. ACCORDING MILES, TURKISH TROOPS HAVE PULLED BACK TO MORPHOU ROAD. DATT VISITED ATHALASSA NG CAMP; OBSERVED LITTLE OR NO DAMAGE. TURKISH AIR STRIKES DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN OVERLY ACCURATE.

8. FIGHTING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HEAVIER IN OMORPHITA. TURKS HAVE ASKED UNFYCYP TO ARRANGE REMOVAL TO GREEK SECTOR OF 20 GREEK BODIES. THIS IMPLIES THAT TURKS IN FULL CONTROL OF OMORPHITA AND NOW DIRECTING THEMSELVES TOWARD CONSOLIDATING POSITION.

9. COMMENT: FROM CURSORY OBSERVATION IT APPEARS THERE NO CONTINUOUS LINE OF CONTACT BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH

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FORCES. IN NICOSIA ALL SIDES OBSERVING CEASEFIRE FOR FIRST TIME SINCE FIGHTING BEGAN. AS IN LAST WEEK'S COUP, CASUALTIES WOULD APPEAR TO BE SLIGHT FOR AMOUNT OF AMMO EXCHANGED. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY. DAVIES

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